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United Daughters of The Confederacy

VICKSBURG CHAPTER NO. 77

VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

January 14, 1961

Professor James W. Silver
Department of History
University of Mississippi
University, Miss.

Dear Mr. Silver:

The Mississippi Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, is sponsoring two essay contests for this year; the first one for the Junior High Schools on the subject SIDNEY LANIER, Confederate Soldier, poet and musician.

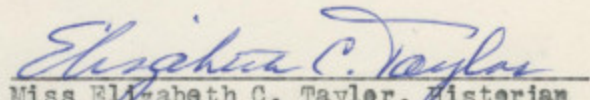
The second essay subject is for the Senior High Schools on "The Battle of Champion Hill", a subject that has been long neglected.

There are to be three judges for this contest; and the Division would be highly honored if you will be one of these judges.

I shall enclose a copy of the essay rules and regulations, and you will see that the deadline for these essays that are to be sent to the Division Historian is April 1st. The essays are sent to the judges immediately, as the decision should be known by June 1st.

Hoping that you will accept this responsibility, and with much appreciation I am

Sincerely


Miss Elizabeth C. Tayler, Historian
Mississippi Division, U.D.C.
3040 Drummend Street
Vicksburg, Miss.

ESSAY CONTESTS

Sponsored by the Mississippi Division United Daughters of the
Confederacy

SUBJECTS FOR ESSAY CONTESTS:

Junior High School (grades 7, 8, and 9) - - 500 to 1000 words.

SIDNEY LANIER, Confederate Soldier, Poet and Musician

Senior High School (grades 10, 11, and 12) - - 1000 to 1500 words.

THE BATTLE OF CHAMPION HILL

RULES FOR ESSAY CONTESTS:

1. Essays must be typewritten, double spaced, and on one side of paper.
2. Direct quotations with reference must be so marked.
3. Essays must be the work of the student submitting papers.
4. Use the term "War Between the States", not "Civil War".
5. The number of words must be stated at the top left-hand corner of the first page. Be sure to stay within word limit.
6. Please sign fictitious name. Real name with address and the name of the school should be sealed in a sealed envelope, on the outside of which is written the fictitious name.
7. The winning essay must reach the Division Historian by April 1, 1964. Send only the winning essay from each school.

AWARDS:

The Mississippi Division awards to the state winners will be the same for the Junior High School and the Senior High School groups: \$25.00 bond for first place, the gold Jefferson Davis medal, plus a portrait of Jefferson Davis for the school so represented. Second place winners will receive \$10.00 in cash.